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For: Method For The Identification and Speciation of Bacteria of the
BURKHOLDERIA CEPACIA Complex
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the US national phase of PCT/CA99/00813 which is
filed herewith, please make the following amendments to the claims, as amended before the
IPEA/EP:

In the claims:

✓ In claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert -- claim 1 --.

✓ In claim 11, line 3, delete "any of claims 8 - 10" and insert -- claim 8 --.

In claim 15, line 3, delete "claims 13 or 14" and insert -- claim 13 --.

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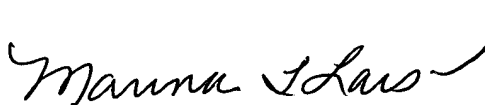
Please add claims 18, 19 and 20 as follows:

18. A kit for speciation of bacteria of the *Burkholderia cepacia* complex, comprising, in packaged combination, a pair of polynucleotide primers in accordance with claim 9, and a discriminatory restriction endonuclease.

19. A kit for speciation of bacteria of the *Burkholderia cepacia* complex, comprising, in packaged combination, a pair of polynucleotide primers in accordance with claim 10, and a discriminatory restriction endonuclease.

20. A kit for speciation of bacteria of the *Burkholderia cepacia* complex, comprising, in packaged combination, a pair of genomovar-specific polynucleotide primers in accordance with claim 14 and a discriminatory restriction endonuclease.

Respectfully,



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